

PROGRESS REPORT



WHAT IS TRI-CITY?

Founded in 1967 by citizens from Newark, Jersey City, and Paterson, Tri-City Citizens Union for Progress is a non-profit community corporation committed to achieve the following goals:

1. Economic development of the community
2. Education of children and adults for the world of work
3. Greater awareness of the cultural heritages of the community
4. Wider civic participation
5. General community rehabilitation

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WHAT HAS TRI-CITY ACCOMPLISHED?

Our first objective — ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY — has been achieved primarily through the housing rehabilitation program known as AMITY VILLAGE. The first project identified as AMITY VILLAGE #1 is now a housing cooperative made up of 96 units. At least 600 additional privately owned units are now completed and occupied. Amity Village is the largest rehabilitation project in the City of Newark.

This project gave jobs and training to a large number of Black and Puerto Rican tradesmen.

Residents are living in safe, modernized, reasonably priced dwellings.

Families living in the Cooperative have made an investment in their neighborhood.

It is our hope that an increasing number of the privately owned units will become owned by the residents on a cooperative basis.



EDUCATION AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

In our 1967 report to the people we said that, "... plans were underway to establish a community education center to serve as a guide in mobilizing the community to exert every possible effort to raise the level of education and close the overwhelming educational gap that now exists in Newark."

That educational crisis that existed in 1967 is even more critical today. The community must be prepared to give children immediate help as well as press for a school system that is dedicated to the belief that "ALL CHILDREN SHALL LEARN."

The TRI-CITY PEOPLE'S CENTER opened its doors in April 1972. At present we are engaged in a variety of projects including the following:

BICULTURAL DAY CARE PROJECT serves 30 English and Spanish speaking children whose parents work or attend school. Emphasis is on language arts development which means helping each child become proficient in her/his home language as well as the second language.

CRUSADE FOR LEARNING STUDY HELP PROJECT serves 75 school aged children of working or studying parents. Use of innovative learning tools in language arts and math is stressed.

COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION PROJECT provides health education and services to children and adults in the community. Citizen participation is mobilized through the Health Action Committee.



WIDER CIVIC PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY REHABILITATION

To carry out our five objectives, Tri-City has spun off several projects — Amity Village, Tri-City People's Center, Crusade for Learning, Health Action Committee.

Our philosophy underlying each of these activities is the belief that SELF DEVELOPMENT is the key to redeeming the cities.

For example, most of the staff in the Tri-City People's Center are parents who are receiving training in how to help the children of the community as well as their own children.

All of our energy is devoted to achieving the social as well as physical rehabilitation of our community.



WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE??

Building Programs for Power

Future plans include the expansion of our present community health program into a COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER that provides modernized health services to the entire family.

Funds must also be raised to begin a YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROJECT for young people.

These projects as well as the general operating expenses of the Tri-City People's Center require continuous fund raising efforts.

We still believe that Newark can become a "show place among communities" where people can live and work together for a good life for their children.

Won't You Help Us?



Join Our Friends of Tri-City Pledge Campaign:

I would like to help Tri-City. I pledge \$1.00 per week or \$50.00 per year to support the Tri-City People's Center.

Payment to be made monthly _____

quarterly _____

annually _____

Other contributions _____

Name _____ Telephone _____

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